# Senior English – 2012

**“The Pardoner’s Tale” and “The Wife of Bath’s Tale” Quiz – 50 points**

**Directions:** Answer the following questions as completely as possible. Use support.

1. What does the Pardoner say is the root of all evil?
2. What is the Pardoner’s exclusive purpose for preaching?
3. What purpose does the Pardoner’s Prologue serve?
4. Compare his Prologue with The Wife of Bath’s, what is the primary difference between the 2 prologues?
5. At the beginning of the tale, what do the 3 rioters hear in the street?
6. Where are the rioters instructed to look for death?
7. What do they find there instead?
8. How does the 1st rioter plan to split the gold in 2 rather than 3?
9. What is the younger rioter’s plan to keep the gold all to himself?
10. What happens to the 3 men by the end of the story?
11. What is the message of “The Pardoner’s Tale”?

“The Wife of Bath’s Tale”

1. How many husbands did she say were good and how many were bad?
2. What reasons does she give for why she considers them good or bad?
3. How and where does she meet her 5th husband?
4. How did she become partially deaf?
5. What does she want out of a marriage?
6. Who does the Wife attack at the beginning of her tale? How?
7. What punishment does the queen give the knight? (What question must he answer?)
8. What problem does he have in finding this answer?
9. On his last day, what does he see in the middle of the road?
10. What answer does he give for the question?
11. From where does he get it?
12. What reason does the old woman tell the knight he should be happy to marry her?
13. What two choices does the old woman give the knight? What does he decide?
14. What does the old wife decide to do by the end of story? Why?